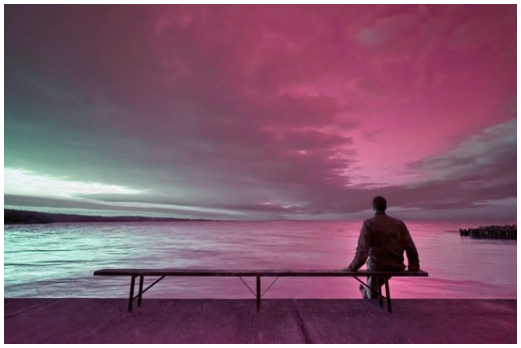
Look Up!



> **And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**
> **Luke 21:28 (KJV)**

I was reflecting on the above verse today and what it means for us. I have a very simple word for us from God, but something we must be vigilant to always keep in mind. Our natural inclination when things in this world are falling apart as they are even now is to look at the circumstances around us.

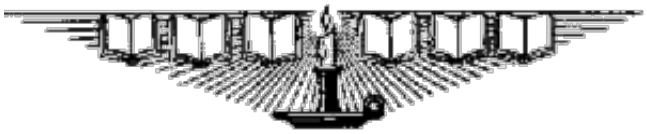
> **And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**
> **Matthew 14:29-31 (KJV)**

As a Christian how many times have you heard it said that we must keep our eyes focused on Jesus? Sometimes we hear a word but never actually let it sink into our hearts. This is one you may have heard many times before, but today I ask you to really reflect on what it means for us.

The above passage concerning Peter walking on the water colorfully illustrates why we must continually stay focused on Christ. With every step he took on that water Peter was operating in faith, his eye was focused on Christ. But as Peter walked on the water the winds picked up and distracted him, causing him to become afraid and in so doing he forgot that he actually was already walking on the water!

When we allow Satan to distract us with the boisterous winds of this life we cease to operate in faith. This is why Christ told us to "look up!", because it is He who is the source of our health, safety and everything else. We are not to look at our circumstances no matter how dire they may seem. When that wind picked up Peter suddenly thought "Hey, I can't walk on water!" and that is the only reason he started sinking.

> **And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.**
> **Mark 4:16-17 (KJV)**

If we are to call ourselves Christians we must make a very real choice: Will I operate on the temporal or supernatural plane? If we choose to operate on the supernatural we must train ourselves to disregard what our lying eyes tell us. In reality this is what separates the true believer and follower of Christ from the poser, the carnal Christian. You can attend all the church services , quote all the scripture, make all the positive confessions and sing all the praise choruses you want, but when that wind starts to blow if you are not focused on Christ you

will sink like a rock.